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July 6, 1983

Mr. D. Richard Rodi
President
Pearson Travel
93 Dyer Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Mr. Rodi:

Thank you very much for your recent letter in regard to the 1984 appropriations for the Federal arts and humanities programs.

The House of Representatives, in approving increases of approximately 15% over 1983 levels, has clearly indicated how crucial government support for culture has become. It is a great personal satisfaction to know that the arts and the impact they have on our national life have been endorsed so emphatically.

You can be certain that I will do all I can to sustain such positive funding levels in the Senate. The Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on the Interior has tentatively agreed to begin consideration of these budgets on July 15th.

Thank you again for writing me. I appreciate knowing your views and will be sure to keep them in mind as we take up this important issue in the Senate.

Warm regards.

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell

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